

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 4030

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served December 22, 1992

Application of JAPAN TRAVELERS)
SERVICE, INC., for a Certificate of)
Authority -- Irregular Route)
Operations)

Case No. AP-92-34

By application accepted for filing December 18, 1992, Japan Travelers Service, Inc. (JTS or applicant), a District of Columbia corporation, seeks a certificate of authority to transport passengers, together with mail, express, and baggage in the same vehicles as passengers, in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District, restricted to transportation in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 or fewer persons, including the driver.

JTS's application includes information regarding, among other things, its corporate status, facilities, vehicle maintenance arrangements, driver training practices, proposed tariff, finances, and regulatory compliance record. The application is available for inspection at the office of the Commission during its regular business hours.

JTS proposes to commence operations with one 8-passenger limousine and two ten-passenger vans. Transfer and sightseeing service would be offered primarily to pre-formed groups of foreign tourists, predominately those originating in Japan. Applicant's proposed tariff contains hourly rates and transfer rates.

In determining whether to grant or deny an application for a certificate of authority, the Compact at Title II, Article XI, Section 7 requires that the Commission determine whether an applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the transportation properly and conform to the provisions of the Compact and the Commission's rules, regulations, and requirements and whether the transportation is consistent with the public interest. Pursuant to Commission Rule No. 6, this order and fulfillment of its requirements will provide notice of JTS's application for a certificate of authority.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

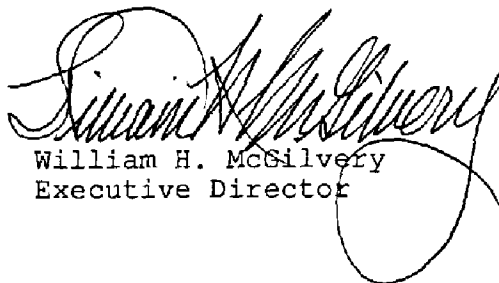
1. That Japan Travelers Service, Inc., shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than Monday, January 4, 1993, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

2. That Japan Travelers Service, Inc., shall file with the Commission, no later than Monday, January 25, 1993, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.

3. That any person wanting to protest the issuance of a certificate of authority to Japan Travelers Service, Inc., shall do so in accordance with Commission Rule No. 13 and Regulation No. 54-04(a), and any person wanting to comment on this matter, other than by protest, shall do so in writing, in accordance with Regulation No. 54-04(a), by filing such protest or comment at the office of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104, no later than Monday, January 25, 1993, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or comment on applicant's representative, Barry R. Diamond, Esquire, 805 King Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314.

4. That any person seeking a formal oral hearing on this matter shall request one in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 54-04(b) no later than Monday, January 25, 1993, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such request on applicant's representative, Barry R. Diamond, Esquire, 805 King Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



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Executive Director